High Court **benches in Gujarat**

998. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had established High Court benches in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress in cases of Gujarat to establish High Court benches in Saurashtra, Kutch and South Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The details of the High Court Benches established by the Government, their principal seats and the date from which these Benches began functioning are enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(c) The then Chief Minister of Gujarat had in September, 2000 conveyed that the State Government felt that Circuit Benches of the Gujarat High Court be established at Surat and Rajkot. The matter was examined in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court who informed that it would not be in the interest of the Institution to have a Circuit Bench either at Surat or at Rajkot. The Chief Minister of Gujarat was informed accordingly in May, 2001. Thereafter, no proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat, in consultation with the Chief Justice for the establishement of Benches of the Gujarat High Court either at Surat or at Rajkot.

Statement

Name of High Courts, their principal seats, benches and their jurisdiction

Sl. No.	High Court	Principal Seat	Jurisdiction	Bench and Date from which the bench began functioning
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Allahabad	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow(19.07.1948)
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	-
3.	Bombay	Mumbai	Maharashtra; Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli; Goa	Nagpur(01.05.1960) Aurangabad (27.08.1984) Panaji (30.10.1982)
4.	Calcutta	Kolkata	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	-
6.	Delhi	Delhi	N.C.T. of Delhi	-
7.	Gauhati	Guwahati	Assam Nagaland	Kohima(10.02.1990)
			Mizoram Manipur Tripura	Aizawl(05.07.1990) Imphal (21.01.1992) Agartala(16.05.1992)